

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the sub-heading before paragraph [0001] and add the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/EP03/11700, filed on 22 October 2003. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) is claimed from German Application No. 102 50 079.7, filed 25 October 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention pertains to a glass partition ~~[according to the introductory clause of Claim 1]~~ having a pair of frameless side parts attached to a floor and a ceiling, and a frameless glass element attached to the side parts and to the ceiling.

Please add before paragraph [0002] the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --

Please add before paragraph [0003] the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] This task is accomplished by ~~[the features stated in Claim 1. Advantageous elaborations of the partition are described in the subclaims]~~ attaching the glass element non-positively to the side parts and the ceiling exclusively with a permanently elastic compound.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] ~~[A partition according to Claim 1]~~ The use of a permanently elastic compound makes it possible to attach a glass element, e.g., a so-called transom, easily and cheaply to the side parts of a glass partition and to a ceiling construction to form a doorway. There is no need for the complicated work of installing and adjusting hardware fittings. A visually advantageous partition is obtained, which represents an almost completely dematerialized glass surface. Cleaning is much easier, because there are no edges at the fittings where dirt can collect; only a continuous, flat glass front is present. This type of partition is built with the use of frameless panes of glass, so that the cost of framing work is also eliminated.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] The transom is attached by means of a permanently elastic compound, which connects the longitudinal edges of the transom to the periphery in a nonpositive manner, namely, to the side parts and to the ceiling construction. To ensure that the connections can withstand the vibrations which occur during normal use, the compound is an elastomeric

material characterized by permanent elasticity. Acrylic or silicone materials are preferably used for this purpose, especially because they and the methods used to process them are sufficiently well known.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] To provide additional protection against vibrations and also to stiffen the glass panes, ~~[horizontal]~~ vertical stiffeners in the form of glass struts, which project perpendicularly from the surface of the side parts, can be attached to the side parts. The glass struts preferably stand on the floor and are also attached by means of the permanently elastic compound. Through the use of glass for the struts, a uniform and optically attractive front is also created in this respect.

Please delete paragraph [0011] in entirety.

Please add before paragraph [0012] the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please add before paragraph [0019] the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] In addition, stiffening elements 11 are attached to the two side parts 2, 3. These elements, which extend [~~horizontally~~] vertically and project perpendicularly, are attached by means of the permanently elastic compound 9. The stiffening elements 11 are designed as glass struts and stand on the floor.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Figures 5-7 show schematically several possible ways in which a partition 1 can be configured within the scope of the inventive idea. Figure 5 shows a completely straight configuration, where a side part 2, a transom 4, and the other side part 3 are arranged next to each other [~~and are attached to each other in a straight line~~] in a common place. In Figure 6, the side parts 2, 3 are arranged and attached at a slight angle to the transom 4. In contrast, Figure 7 shows a straight course between a side part 2 and a transom 4, to which a side part 3 is attached at a 90° angle.

Please delete paragraph [0025] in entirety.

Please add at page 7 after the heading the following sub-heading:

-- What is claimed is: --